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PATENT APPLICATION

In re Application of:

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For: SEQUENCING METHOD USING MAGNIFYING TAGS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

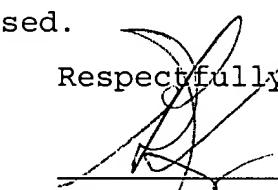
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003, from April 15, 2003, to on or July 15, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$465.00^{1/} is attached. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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